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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: A GENE CODING FOR PENICILLIN  
BINDING PROTEIN AND A METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 19, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 42 (Abstract), please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the attached substitute Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4.

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing L-glutamic acid, comprising the steps of cultivating a coryneform bacteria in a liquid medium to produce and accumulate L-glutamic

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